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SUBJECT: INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI

1. AT RECENT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION I HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT
LOSZONCZI. HE REFERRED TO SIMILAR CONVERSATION OF LAST
YEAR AND ASKED HOW I THOUGHT OUR RELATIONS STOOD. WHEN I
SAID I WAS IN BETTER POSITION TO TALK TO HIM THIS YEAR
BECAUSE OF ADOPTION OF MFN LEGISLATION, HE SAID THAT WAS
A WELCOME STEP BUT NOTED WE ALSO STILL HAD THE PROBLEM OF
THE CROWN. (REFERENCE TO CROWN IS CONSISTENT WITH ALL
HIGH LEVEL CONVERSATIONS DURING PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS,
AND IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR WHEN HE ONLY LIGHTLY TOUCHED ON
SUBJECT.) I REPLIED THAT WHILE OUR TIME PERSPECTIVES
MIGHT DIFFER, I FELT THIS WAS MATTER THAT WOULD FALL INTO
PLACE IN DUE COURSE AND THAT CONCENTRATION ON MFN AND
ECONOMIC RELATIONS STILL WAS FIRST PRIORITY. THEN ADDED
THAT ISSUE ON THEIR SIDE THAT STILL CAUSED MOST
DIFFICULTIES WITH US WAS VIET-NAM. HE
SAID SOLUTION OF PROBLEM DID NOT DEPEND ON THEM BUT ON
PARTIES CONCERNED. I AGREED BUT SAID LACK OF OBJECTIVITY
AND GREATER DIFFICULTY HUNGARIANS SEEMED TO CAUSE IN
ICCS THAN POLES WAS THE PROBLEM. PRESIDENT LOSONCZI
SAID THEY COORDINATED CLOSELY WITH THE POLES AND THOUGHT
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THEIR POLICIES WERE THE SAME.

2. COMMENT: THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY NO NEW ELEMENTS IN THIS CONVERSATION EXCEPT A REMINDER AGAIN THAT CROWN IS MORE PROMINENT IN THEIR CONCERNS THIS YEAR THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO. OBVIOUSLY SOME OF COMMENTS ABOUT MFN HAVE BEEN SUPERSEDES BY SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.
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